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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: ETRD, MO

SUBJECT: FTC INVESTIGATION OF INVESTMENT BRIBERY

1. FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION (FTC) IS PRESENTLY INVESTIGATING ALLEGATIONS OF INVESTMENT BRIBERY INVOLVING GENERAL TIRE. IN THIS CONNECTION, IT HAS COME TO ATTENTION OF FTC THAT STARTING IN THE LATTER PART OF SEPTEMBER 1972, THERE WAS A TRIAL BEFORE THE SPECIAL COURT OF JUSTICE IN RABAT INVOLVING FOURTEEN FORMER POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC FIGURES WHO ALLEGEDLY WERE INVOLVED IN CORRUPTION IN CONNECTION WITH INVESTMENT PROMOTION. THE KEY FIGURE IN THIS TRIAL WAS OMAR BEN MESSAOUD, WHO WAS CHARGED WITH ACTING AS AN INTERMEDIARY BETWEEN FOREIGN COMPANIES AND OFFICIALS IN TRANSMITTING LARGE SUMS OF MONEY GIVEN TO HIM AS QUOTE COMMISSIONS UNQUOTE.

2. FTC WOULD LIKE TO OBTAIN THE OFFICIAL INDICTMENT AND DECREE ENTERED AGAINST OMAR BEN MESSAOUD, WITH TRANSLATIONS IF POSSIBLE. COPIES OF TRANSLATED NEWSPAPER ARTICLES ON
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